

# Charice makes Muhammad Ali smile in tribute

By Pacholo Concepcion  
Correspondent

SETTLING AND SIZERLESS AFTER  
Flying in from the United States, Ali

light singing sensation Charice Pempengco visited the main office of the Inquirer in Makati City yesterday and gaily talked about her ongoing ad-

She's staying in Manila for only two days. Tomorrow, she flies to Italy to appear in a special guest in a TV talent show—on the request of

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INTERNATIONAL singing sensation Charice Pempengco logs the INQUIRER's masthead "Goyito" during Tuesday's visit to its main office in Makati City.

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# 3 hostages get reprieve

## Hopes up amid declaration of state of emergency

By John S. Alipala  
Bureau Manila

ZAMBOANGA CITY—KIDNAPPERS YESTERDAY put off a threat to execute three workers of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), and Gov. Abdusakur Tan of Sulu raised the possibility that they would be freed.

The reprieve came amid the declaration by the Sulu governor of a state of emergency in the province.

Troops were later deployed back to positions encircling the hideout of the kidnappers in the Indonesian forest on Jolo Island, military and police officials said.

"I have information that the three are OK," Tan told the Inquirer by phone hours after a scheduled 2 p.m. execution passed.

"They were not beheaded. There's a possibility that they would come out alive," he said.

"There were some last-ditch efforts by some religious leaders to save the lives of the

hostages and, perhaps, the rebels listened to them," Tan said. "We're preparing for the worst. We're not taking this sitting down."

Senators in the House National Liberation Front and police said the hostages had been seen alive, although they were still tied up.

Abdusakur, chief of the Abu Sayyaf kidnap gang, had said he would execute one of the hostages unless a total withdrawal of troops from Jolo took place.

President Macapagal-Arroyo ordered government troops not to surrender on Jolo to Abu



SEN. RICHARD GORDON, who is also PHRC chair, makes last-minute appeal to the Abu Sayyaf.

AP/WIDEWORLD

## Why is gov't risking our lives, Filipino captive asks

By Arlyn dela Cruz  
Correspondent

MARY JEAN LACANBA HAS A LOT TO say on the eve of an expected surrender.

She expressed fear, sadness, anger and confusion in a phone interview on

Monday, just 9 p.m.

The 37-year-old employee of the International Committee of the Red Cross could not even say who among the three ICRC workers would be beheaded.

The Abu Sayyaf leader said that one of the hostages would be killed

at 2 p.m. yesterday if the government did not comply with a demand for a total troop withdrawal from Jolo.

Monday was the 73rd day of Mary Jean's captivity. Mary Jean, Swiss American Homer and Indian Rajeswar Nigam were kidnapped while en route to the

Jolo airport after looking at conditions in the municipal jail.

The voice on the other line trembled, but rose a pitch higher than her usual calm voice in her earlier interviews aired by media.

She said time was running out.

WHY IS GOVT. ASK

## 5,000 public nurses sought; 11,000 apply

By TJ Bugarin  
in Manila  
and Eugene Nolasco  
Bureau Southern Luzon

AS JOBS BECOME SCARCER, MORE than 31,000 nurses have scrambled to gain a shot in the government's emergency employment program for 5,000 nurses in the countryside, officials said yesterday.

"More than 11,000 applied," Labor Undersecretary Lily Pineda said. "But we expected more because there were close to 40,000 new board passers."

After a two-day orientation, beginning today, the 5,000 nurses will be deployed on Friday to treat patients in hospitals and attend to the sick in far-flung barangays in 1,000 municipalities.

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## Gonzales reprimanded on 'transition leaders'

By Christine V. Espinosa

TO SHUT UP ALREADY

Two Misamis Occidental yesterday jumped on National Security Adviser Norberto Gonzales for pitching the idea of the election in 2010 of a "transition" president, under whose administration term Duterte

GONZALES AS

## US food execs raise alert on pistachios

ISSMO, CALIFORNIA—FEDERAL food safety officials warned on Monday that consumers should stop eating all foods containing pistachios, while authorities Spain and the nation of a possible salmonella contamination.

Still reeling from the national salmonella outbreak in peanuts, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

US FOOD AS

## 'PROPERTY MIX-UP' SM won't acquire Father Reuter's home

By Dennis C. Duran

THE SM GROUP OF RETAIL TIGROON theory by late acquired a vacant lot near Xavier House in Sta. Ana, Manila, but the mall developer is neither making a deal nor is planning to buy the heritage house owned by the Anonas where Fr. James Reuter resides.

"We have not discussed with the Anonas or anyone regarding the real-

estate of Father Reuter," SM Investments Corp. vice chair Terrence Ty-Coron said yesterday.

But Ty-Coron said the SM Group had a property one block away from Xavier House. The property, which has a land area of 2,000 to 3,000 square meters, is the one being planned for a supermarket development.

Explaining the mix-up between this property and Xavier House that is SM

representation earlier claimed to have been acquired by the mall developer, Ty-Coron said not too many people within SM knew about the details of the property.

She said SM's property in Sta. Ana was bought from a private seller last year.

She added that the SM Group was not responsible for the demolition of

PROPERTY AS

## Duterte gives up city police control, quits Napolcom post

By Jeffrey M. Tugay  
Bureau Manila

DAVAO CITY—SHRIMPED MAYOR Rodrigo Duterte yesterday gave up control of Davao City's police force and resigned from the National Police Commission (Napolcom), amid charges from an international watchdog linking the local police to death squad assassinations.

Duterte's resignation coincided with a public inquiry by the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) into the killings of more than 800 civilians allegedly by a shadowy group of assassins called the Davao Death Squad (DDS).

Duterte said in a letter to Senator

Secretary Raulito Pura that his resignation from Napolcom was irrevocable.

"In view of the unresolved killings in my city and in order to give the Commission on Human Rights a free hand and unimpeded conduct of its ongoing investigation into the latter, denial of any possible pressure and/or influence whatsoever, I am formally tendering my irrevocable resignation..." Duterte said.

On the second day of the inquiry, the New York-based watchdog Human Rights Watch presented a paper claiming the vigilante group DDS had police backing.

OUTRAGE AS



TOUGH GUY  
Treated as the "Puncher" and "Dirty Harry," Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte inspects a high-caliber weapon before donating it to the National Bureau of Investigation. The firearm, he says, will enhance his peace and order drive. He has denied the existence of a death squad in the city.







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# RP bars HK columnist

By Kristine L. Alar

THE JOURNAL OF DEMOCRACY (JOD) has barred Hong Kong journalist Chip Tso from the Philippines following the coverage generated by his column in which he described the country as a "nation of terrorists."

Investigative Correspondent Marcelino Salasman on Tuesday ordered Tso's exclusion from the investigative blockade as an irreparable harm.

"This is our manifestation of disgust against the racial slur and insult sustained by JOD. Tso's appeal to us as a people," Salasman said via e-mail.

Tso's column came out in THE MAGNET, which has apologized for the piece. Salasman said Tso would be removed from the blockade when he issues a public apology.

In his March 27 column titled "The War Home," Tso labeled the Philippines' claim to the Spratly Islands which is being contested by China.

He said he was so angered by the Philippines' stance that he threatened his Filipino maid to sign his letter.

"As a nation of terrorists, you can't fix your mistakes at your maids, from whom you own your food and homes," Tso wrote.

He said that he'd be forced to live in the event of a war between the Philippines and China.

Some 100,000 Filipino workers march in Hong Kong to help support their families back home. They make a minimum month (salary of P165,500 (\$462 or P21,000)).

But yesterday, Tso said he was alone.

"There are some people who are from a different cultural background, so they can't read between the lines," he told THE MAGNET Press, adding that if people were of mind, "I very much regret it."

## Filipino killed in Afghanistan

By Jerome Alang

A FILIPINO CONSTRUCTION WORKER was killed in a mortar attack on a US military air base in the southern Afghanistan of Kandahar, the Department of Defense in late last year.

US Ambassador for southern Afghanistan, Robert G. Canine, a contractor working for a United Arab Emirates-based construction firm.

"He was killed by a mortar attack inside the camp," Canine said. "Canine said the soldier Filipino, Isidro Pineda, was also injured in the March 20 attack and is now recovering inside the air base."

Canine, citing reports from the embassy, said the mortar attack came from inside the military base. - PNP-Asp/9/2009

"It was never intended to be an open appeal," Filipino columnist explains. The Philippines is a democracy which I respect very much," Tso said.

THE MAGNET's publisher, Asia City Publishing, said it is a statement that columnists

must consider.

It said the magazine had long championed the rights of Hong Kong's Filipino workers, who make a valuable contribution to the territory and have been unfairly treated.

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### Corrections

IN THE MARCH 27 ISSUE, a story on Page A2, "Q2000 under PNP's long media lull," misquoted several lines of the column of the current chief of the Philippine National Police. The PNP chief is Jeno Velasco, not Velasco. The name misquoting also appeared in a photo caption accompanying the story. Velasco is the PNP chief of the division of the PNP.

IN THE SAME ISSUE, a story on Page A2, "Toshiba's new PC," misquoted the name of a political party. The party's name is the Nationalist Party, not Nationalist Party.

IN THE MARCH 28 ISSUE, a photo caption on Page A14 of the Optima section, "Two women, one for the person of the year," misquoting the name of an American lounge who was abducted and kidnapped by the Abu Sayyaf in 2005. The name is Catherine, not Catherine.

IN THE MARCH 30 ISSUE, a home page special report on "The Revolution: The Rise, the Fall, the Revolution" misquoting the name of a city in the Netherlands. The city's name is Utrecht, not Utrecht.

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# Ex-backer asks Panlilio to step down

A DISSENTING FELLOW PANLILIO IS THREATENING TO RESIGN.

What is a disaffected supporter and campaign contributor said of Panlilio's role in the 2007 election is the first time he has been asked to step down. The ex-backer, who has been a vocal supporter of Panlilio since he took office in 2007, said Panlilio is not doing anything for the province but is only a burden.

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## Lack of a sense of nation, that's what's wrong with Filipinos

"A HISTORY OF COLUMBIA" BY LEONARD M. COLWELL. 3/25/79. Is an attempt to show that "Columbian" is not a cultural thing." In Colwell's assessment, we are people and not only things, many like Augustine. Colwell's prescription is a "well-meaning and without government."

According to her e-mail profile, Luciano is the owner of a small business, which she says grows. (I think we are a typical Third World owner, in that above 90% South American-owned businesses have 20-30 employees, she says.)

rience—the question is why? Why have we become a nation of crumbstealers?

My answer is: the African is a *commodi* man. About 1,000 years ago this very day (1999), we have been prisoners of a first class master in which technology existed in the market, not in the people. Thus, in need of serving the people, we generate more and so an agent of the market, a market controlled and steered by the full and a total of what forces caused technology corporations, the *market* and

conditions are superior to the Transition and home government services facilitating and enhancing trade through liberalisation, deregulation, privatisation and level playing field. Another important free trade is in the rest of the global economic system, encompassing the world today.

Because of time made us achieved by the USSR, we have not made any progress toward industrialization, which is the key to sustained accumulation of wealth and power in the world. Moreover,

flow trade from industrial development can encourage entrepreneurs from across the world to enter "Indonesia's" garment industry chain (including "songket," influence marketing and so forth), jewelry, drug and tobacco, insurance, etc.

What should we not teach, Canned said, "well-meaning and well-to-do parents want." A well-meaning and well-to-do parent is important but it is not enough. A strong sense of nation is essential to make this child work for the national interest.

crisis, as happened in China, and South Africa, is to get out of the free-trade loop and eventually pursue de-dollarization, like what America did during its post-independence period. For a country like the Philippines—20 million people and still growing—there is no luxury without industrialization. The second thing that has to happen is to get out of the free-trade zoning zone of nations.

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What has the public response and because you are the only thing that

eventful journey? In the Philippines, he got entangled in a romantic and tumultuous liaison crowned with his last ride as dignitary from the metropole, which took him through his various posts: from Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, and Zamboanga.

I hope literary would not take push of self-destruction or get downed by his same persons which it is a sign of his mind to become better.

lytic behavior, the glaucous and grey to brown crusts, undoubtedly could hide away a wide "Tartan" world but follow what the children have while he has taken his "Tartan" home" is a form of, for a political to one thought.

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But Now Let the Cities Speak for Themselves.

**Lawyer:** Mike Brown raised \$7.1 million in private funds to help build 22 new or renovated workers' rules had been implemented for a long time in Bay Area through the United Auto Workers. This is just one example of the many attempts by OSHA.

The treatment has nothing less than the President's backing, made all the more certain by the fact that almost 100 patients in the open heart surgery of 10 patients in the Philippine General Hospital.

Since 2003, HOA Hospo has also been paying from \$45,000 to \$70,000 for each of the thousands of patients whose contact or travel exposures he sponsored under his "Gift of Sight" program. What started as an undertaking at the PSC Hospital has now morphed into a full-blown outreach program in such areas of the country like Beirut, Rwanda, Cuba, Haiti, Kalinga, Myanmar, Sudan, Taiwan and Venezuela.

Starting with the southeast windows of Spina Market in October 2004, he has provided 15,000 Filipinos with free cataract surgery for his "Gift of Sight" project. Among the project's recipients are elderly patients. All of them are grateful to their doctor and to him.

Loury's Agency had also been wondering how legal citizens, serving about 50 people each Tuesday, at a cost of more than \$,000 by the time the project was temporarily suspended.

Likewise, the President's Institute has been giving the Department of Health's Bureau of the Ration program a much needed shot in the arm by providing every year's members in some outstanding community doctors—the most noteworthy of whom was the fellowships granted to seven medical trainees for special study.

I write in and out to disabuse the minds of innocent readers of the unfair glowing picture of Mr. ARDRE, who just happens to consider that it is easy to secure assistance of wrongdoings, but neither doing altogether to prove the allegations. What ARDRE is the target of such accusations, I think, it has something to do with the relations of politics in our country.

—John Gullis,  
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## SPORTS

## So overwhelms opposition in Dapitan Battle of GMs

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**SAFARI CITY**—A BIG GAMEBOSTER BE-  
comes Pindley. He shot the rest of the birds  
in the woods of Concessionaires here.

Already beyond reach, he capped his successful anti-smoking campaign with a victory over fellow CDM Senator Luyta in the 11th and final round held tonight in the Capitan City Street Hotel.

His opponent, who against four others gave him a unanimous total of 18 points, lay out on second place CDM Senator "Tony" Antonio, who drew with CDM Senator Bore after 31 rounds of a five-fights.

He, an incoming high school senior at St. Francis Xavier, had been seen as likely

The 25-year-old So. Group C champion of this year's Costa Class, Transcendence to the Netherlands, then counsel (along with numerous donors) against GM with Purgina, IM Julio Gonzalez Salazar and Michael Brown.

Students topped the course top pairs of P10,000 with producing P80,000 for the winning third with 22 points.

Other final-round matches saw foreign-subject students in 41 events of a French Defense and Games and Mathematics essay after 57 of a British.

With 22 points each, Pongue and Gernot tied for fourth and won P50,000 each in the tournament organized by the National Chess Federation of the Philippines and sponsored by Shuang.

Hispanic and the English City would through Winter Semester Adjuncts. In its manner's play *Hispanic America* has positioned on an original *Shakespeare* by *WOM Help Vires* *Done* to prevail in 70 acres of an English Opening to match the title from *WOM Beverly* *Interiors*, also subsequently held the script when the word *WOM* *Adams* *Therms* in 20 moves a *Hispanic* Opening.

## PBA fives test Smart-RP

By Murray R. Castillo and Jane Riosmena

The Philippine Basketball Association has agreed to let the developmental squad participate in the league as part of its preparations for its mission to qualify for the next London Olympics.

"Since F2 Incubator-Gals is a developmental camp, the board decided it can maximize the F2G's assistance by placing the women as much as we can," FGA chair Joseph Telle said during the league's planning session in Cedar Rapids.

"This way, they will not be limited by our format, and in fact, they can continue to play our music even during the playoffs, depending on their needs. They will also have more flexibility regarding their training schedule."

The Nationals, shipped by its Asian star Chris Tin, it is India for a seven-game exhibition against the Philippines. The Filipinos opened their series with a 102-run attack against Shimla's Maldives, which has an average player ratings of 5 out of 7.

"It was a really different level, the game was very physical as the Indians pushed the bats out of their place," said Tin. "It's part of the learning process."

Things will surely change when the Nationals compete in the Philippine Cup starting next season.

India will also follow the NCT, opening its season

THE 2016 national tennis championships coached by Ping Pong Champions of China, resumes its practice at the San Juan Arena. Games are preparing for the World Championships.

## Big events up for mixed martial arts, kayaking

By Caroline M. Brown

**COMBINATION** MEAT UP FOR TWO emerging sports as indoor martial arts stages the "Punchin' & The Opening" challenge, while 1,000-kilocalorie ride out the Polaris. Caroline Stone, *author*

And America's Team Valley will be the 12-match contest at the Thomas Sports Center in Falmouth where two other foreign athletes will also see action.

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25-400 race from April 24 to 26 at the Hamsted Islands in Pargameno, followed by the Golfo-Carrizosa Ocean Waders race in July and the Golfo Botón 400 race in October.

"It's just an environment-friendly sport, the race is open to local and foreign participants and there's no age limit," says director Ad Canales said.

The event will feature a 25K marathon, aerobic and cross-country classes. Will returns from Mark C. Chapman

### Tiger's mental toughness

**100-fight SJC derby today**  
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**HEART, SOUL, Seneca**

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ions. Again, Adams first among the  
cats is notable.

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was a site that was typical of getting out of nowhere is over a long beach—in this case, the

But the one thing that gives Tigris an

## Top jungolfers open season with Interclub

**ELDER CLOVER** WILL CARRY THE FLAG of their home club in the National Angoff Invitational which runs off today on the Plaza course of the Orchardcroft and Country Club.

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power, Sharon said he did not want to say too much in court, since he had to live here.

It is not a regular light. I thought it to be the weight of my eye. After all he is undressed in the dark.

SCNA has material over the years. If there are schools looking to join the league, it should work up with the majority of the league."

He details other sponsors as Diamond in the Gums, Old Mother Goose, Johnson Oat









# GMA 7 exec files P7-M suit vs Annabelle Rama

By John P. Arevalo

A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE vision network GMA 7 has filed a P7 million damage suit against talent manager Annabelle Rama for allegedly harassing her.

In a 40-page civil complaint filed on March 17, Wilma Galavies, senior editor for Queens City Regional TV Unit to stop Rama from introducing her sister through media interviews or not coverage.

Galavies, secretary manager, also asked the court to issue a restraining order against Rama, barring her from getting within 50 meters of the complainant.

Galavies is GMA 7's senior vice president for entertainment while Rama is the manager of or several artists, including JC Aze, whose mother was killed in a disagreement between the two women.

In her complaint, Galavies said Rama and her several "beloved and trusted" men managers after she talked to the Unit about her concern with the network.

She added that Rama had a "violent streak" and that she

was suffering from the "anxiety and disturbing feeling that she was being sexually inflicted (verbally) because of her."

Galavies stated that she received a message from Rama on Feb. 26 in which the latter called her "a woman" and asked to meet her at a restaurant.

"I almost only realized the following day that that was not a message but just the start of a barrage of malicious and reprehensible comments aimed at degrading her reputation," her complaint said.

Galavies claimed that under the Code of the Philippines, women's dignity, personality, privacy and peace of mind must be respected and that Rama "deliberately deprived her of maximum enjoyment of those rights by her unlawful and malicious actions."

She asked the court to award her P7 million in moral damages, P1.5 million in exemplary damages and P500,000 in legal fees.

Several exhibits and newspaper studies are cited in the suit to show that Galavies learned her where the TV network directly called it in Feb. 26 about her concern with GMA 7.

Rama also claimed that Galavies had asked her for accommodations in exchange for signing up some law clients.

"It is understandable defendant had clearly abused the position of her title and duty purpose to prevent her from JC (Aze) and the alleged harassment committed by the plaintiff against the latter" (Galavies said).

Reached for comment, Rama said the lawsuit does not affect her work and she would submit her reply on Thursday to Judge Jose Juan Pineda of the Queens City Regional Trial Court Branch 95 to whom the case was referred for processing.

"I will fight, but I will never let any allegations" she said, adding that she was just doing her job as a manager to protect her clients.

With Raymond Ives Reyes Jr.

# New NCRPO chief once turned down P30-M bribe offer from a drug lord

By Markon Ramos

A FORMER POLICE DIVISION chief who once turned down a multimillion dollar bribe to stop a suspected drug lord will take over the helm of the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) today.



Roberto Locapido, ready for the job.

Chief Supt. Roberto Locapido will replace Director Leopoldo Alano as head of the 14,000-strong NCRPO in a 14-month extension to Camp Crame today.

In his new role, Locapido will coordinate his work as commander of the Manila Police District (MPD) to Chief Supt. Robledo.

Heath Laine Encarnacion for Integrated Police Operations, Division 2000 State of the Division Address, President Maanag-Araneta said. Encarnacion for his convincing words against illegal drugs after he reported a P70 million bribe from a drug lord to stop drug lord Jackson Jr.

The bribe was offered after a team of police and anti-corruption agents led by Encarnacion, Chief Supt. Locapido, and other officers in the Division, Manila, in 2004.

Asked how he broke about his own admission, Encarnacion said the bribe was "pre-arranged."

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# MPD chief's appointment opposed

By Erik Sando

THE MANILA CITY COUNCIL was expected to pass a resolution urging President Maanag-Araneta to approve the appointment of the new chief of the Manila Police District.

Mayor Maanag-Araneta "John Maanag" Maanag said in a statement that the council would demand the withdrawal of the appointment of Chief Supt. Roberto Locapido to MPD Division.

He added that the councilors felt that the appointment of the city's new police chief should have followed the standard operating procedure—such as the council's approval of a candidate's nomination, which is done by the police.

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# New blood in sensitive units of Pasig police

By Ed Tap

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**Task force formed vs 'botcha'**  
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# The World

Editor: Lorraine B. Dizon

## Computer experts warn of April Fool's Day worm

COMPUTER EXPERTS HAVE ISSUED A WARNING for people to take precautions against a fast-moving malicious computer program that is poised to strike today.

The Conficker worm targets computers running Microsoft Windows software, automatically propagating over any computer or by attaching to a local network as well as using a file sharing service like Gnutella. Only computers that have not been updated with new security algorithms

are vulnerable.

The worm is programmed to quickly install today, April Fool's Day, according to computer security experts.

Conficker has been programmed to install on Windows XP and Windows Vista. It is designed to spread to other computers on the same network, they said, but today it will begin spreading to 50,000 web-

sites daily for its infection.

The hackers behind the worm have yet to give it any specific name.

In Singapore, a government information security watchdog has warned people against the computer worm.

In a bulletin sent on Wednesday, the Singapore Computer Emergency Response Team (S CERT) warned that the latest version of the Conficker worm, known as ConfickerC, may "become active on April 1."

Earlier versions of the program were easily found and removed, but ConfickerC's creator regularly updates it with improved versions of the worm to elude efforts to remove it. The creator remains at large despite a \$250,000 bounty put up by Microsoft.

The worm's creator, ConfickerC, the latest generation of the worm since it was first discovered late last year, disables security features like Microsoft Windows automatic updates.

One of ConfickerC's key features is its ability to call up a

"master computer" via the Internet to receive instructions. This feature is present in an improved form in its latest version.

Being ConfickerC, infected computers will do just that, but the creator of the worm has said it will not be active on April 1.

Since its release, Conficker has claimed more than 13 million victims worldwide, including computers used by the United Nations.

For instructions on how to

check if your computer is infected and how to remove the virus, visit [www.singaporeCERT.org.sg](http://www.singaporeCERT.org.sg).

In Washington, the US Department of Homeland Security released a report on Wednesday to alert whether a computer is infected by the Conficker worm.

US CERT recommended that Windows users apply Microsoft security patch MSB-067 to help provide protection against the worm.

The article from Asia News Network, AFP

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### Website offers help vs economic stress

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The "Getting Through Tough Economic Times" guide at <http://www.economic.gov/economy/> is meant to help people identify any serious health concerns related to financial stress, develop coping skills and find help from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and on Tuesday.

Studies show a serious risk of clinical depression, anxiety and compulsive behaviors such as gambling, overeating and even spending increasing from stress, SAMHSA said.

"By helping people manage emotions, we can help prevent the overall recovery of our nation," SAMHSA's acting administrator said. SAMHSA said it is a priority.

Of particular importance is helping people deal with the rising signs of depression, anxiety, drinking and other economic stressors, SAMHSA said.

These include, according to the website:

- Persistent sadness or crying
- Loss of interest
- Lack of sleep or constant fatigue
- Excessive irritability or anger
- Increased drinking
- Black dog use, including misuse of medication

The site directs people to caregivers and also offers tips on recognizing the signs of stress, such as finding a new job and reducing mortgage. Reuters



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## RP in better position to weather crisis

### ADB sees economy growing 2.5% this year

By Nicholas K. Raine

THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK SAID THE PHILIPPINES WOULD feel the pinch of the global crisis and growth would decelerate this year, but noted that the country would be in a much better position than most of its neighbors to cushion the impact of the turmoil.

According to its Asian Development Outlook, which the bank released yesterday, the ADB and the Philippines would grow 2.5 percent this year, down from 4.4 percent last year and 7.2 percent in 2007.

"The Philippines is an exception from the regional economy, and we expect it to slow down this year," said Thomas Cruck, ADB director general for Southeast Asia.

Cruck, however, stressed that the growth outlook for the Philippines for this year was higher than the average growth forecast of only 0.7 percent for the entire Southeast Asian region.

The economies of Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia and Cambodia are projected to contract this year, the ADB said, with that of Singapore seen to post the biggest decline of 7.5 percent.

The ADB said the declining consumption in advanced economies could drag down export income of countries in the region, while the financial meltdown in the United States and Europe is likely to result in uncertainty that would force businesses to pull out investments from less emerging economies.

In the case of the Philippines, the ADB

BY NICHOLAS K. RAINE



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# BSP relaxes asset cover rule

By Michelle K. Butler

THE DEPOSIT INSURANCE AND CREDIT BOARD (DIC) has agreed to extend and broaden the deadline for banks to comply with the 100 percent asset cover rule on foreign currency deposits.

Under the rule, bank liabilities denominated in foreign currencies—such as loans from abroad—must be covered by the same amount of assets, with values determined on a quarterly basis.

This is so even if banks would not be forced to adjust the value of their foreign currency assets. The foreign currency assets would not be presented to rule more resources to offset the declining value of their assets and comply with the 100 percent asset cover rule.

The request for relaxation of the rule on asset valuation is not pending with the BSP.

There has been a request from the banking sector for the BSP to also allow other assets, such as foreign currency assets, to be valued based on purchase value rather than current market prices.

Trangson said, however, that it was not possible to fully relax the mark-to-market rule because it was based on government management.

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## BPI Family Savings Bank holds first-ever nationwide Auto Madness

During the opening of the first-ever nationwide Auto Madness by BPI Family Savings Bank (BFSB), auto enthusiasts expressed their support for the nationwide program this year.

The BFSB Auto Madness was a day-long event that gathered motor car enthusiasts under one roof at the BFSB Family Savings Bank (FSB) in the heart of Manila. This is the first time that Auto Madness is held nationwide in 10 locations all over the Philippines. This event is BFSB's plan to help boost the auto industry and to attract more young people in the country.

The Auto Madness was a coming-of-age event for young people in the country, as it provided a venue for them to express their love for cars.

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had a year to complete its expansion," said Llanera.

The BFSB Auto Madness also provided a venue for auto enthusiasts to express their love for cars.

The event is scheduled to be held in the following locations: Cebu, Iloilo, Manila, Mindanao, Negros, Palawan, Pampanga, Quezon, Rizal, Sorsogon, Surigao, Tarlac, and Zamboanga.

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## BUSINESS

# Investors swamp BTr bond issue

### Gov't raises P8.5B from debt paper

By Bernard W. Domingo

THE BUREAU OF THE TREASURY has today raised P8.5 billion from the sale of three-year bonds at a premium, again swamping the government offer.

Buyers, overwhelmed yesterday's 100,000 bonds at P14.55 billion following the Department of Finance's announcement, say it is the first time the bond issue reached P8.5 billion in the first day of sale.

The yield for the three-year bond was 5.5 percent, down from 5.75 percent in the first day of sale.

In an interview after the auction, the Bureau of Treasury Secretary, J. Tan, said the

government's appetite was buoyed by an anticipated liquidity of P10 billion in the market.

"Apparently the report of a large deficit for January and February was taken for granted," Tan said.

The government expects to have a budget deficit of P116.1 billion for the first quarter, which is not the all-time P177.2 billion deficit expected for 2009.

The last auction was held on March 17, from which the BTr raised P8 billion.

That sale was oversubscribed by more than twice at P15.4 billion, with the yield going up by 18 basis points to 6.25 percent.

## P53B in biofuel projects aimed

By Amy S. Bana

DESPITE THE ECONOMIC SLUMPDOWN, the government expects to reach a P53 billion in new investments going to the biofuel sector over the next five years, according to Energy Secretary Angelo T. Reyes.

In a speech at the Asia Pacific Investment Summit 2009, Reyes said there is a strong government support for the biofuel industry. He said that the government is committed to the biofuel industry and is committed to the biofuel industry.

Reyes said the country's biofuel investment would increase to 148 billion

in 2014 from 121 billion in 2009.

The biofuel industry is expected to reach P50 billion in 2014 from P20 billion in 2009.

"Given these prospects for growth, we are strongly encouraging investments in the biofuel industry," he added. "Government data shows that companies that have already registered with the BTr for biofuel projects have proposed projects worth P53 billion. The government is committed to the biofuel industry and is committed to the biofuel industry."



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## Yamaha Motors manufacturing facility in Lima Batangas officially opens

The plant can produce 150,000 motorcycle units a year and employs hundreds of people



YMPH President Yukihiko Tabata and YMC President and CEO Yukihiko Tabata speaking at a podium during the official opening ceremony.

Manila, Batangas—Japan's Yamaha Motor Philippines Inc. (YMPH) has today officially opened its new manufacturing facility in Lima Batangas, 70 kilometers south of Manila.

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OFFICIALS at the inauguration of the Yamaha Motor Philippines manufacturing plant in Lima Batangas, 70 kilometers south of Manila, are seen in the background. In the foreground, Yamaha Motor Philippines President and CEO Yukihiko Tabata (left) and Yamaha Motor Philippines President and CEO Yukihiko Tabata (right) are seen in the foreground.

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## DESIGNER SPACE



**The desk of 'Lola Basyang' is in James Reyes' office**

Amid the minimalism  
are objects with rich  
personal history

By Allen W. Morrison

**A** GOOD NUMBER OF PIECES that make up designer James Reppel's Makin' shop are either gifts from friends or handmade pieces from his dad.

Among his most treasured possessions is a wooden desk that once belonged to the late Severino Reyes, his grandfather and founder of University magazine.

"Planetary is this terrible world," he says. "It





















